

Historical and Cultural Affairs

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News

Division releases 2019 annual report

Report illustrates how the agency is preserving and protecting Delaware's cultural legacy for future generations.

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African American History Month programs spotlighted during February 2020

Highlights include programs on black leaders in the women's suffrage movement, African Americans on the Eastern Shore and screenings of the three-part "American Epic" which explores how the ordinary people of America were given the opportunity to make records for the first time.

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History organizations urged to complete national visitation survey

American Association for State and Local History seeks data for 2020 report; 2019 version now available.

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John Dickinson Plantation seeks museum/historic site interpreter

Application deadline: Feb. 2, 2020

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Division mourns the loss of former Zwaanendael Museum site interpreter Joe Caputo

Employee known for his ability to make history fun.

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Zwaanendael Museum welcomes two new historic-site interpreters

Devon Filicicchia and Patrick Ruhl are helping the museum bring to life the Lewes-area's maritime, military and social history.

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Help Save Delaware History

Consulting services sought to conduct historical research on the Avery's Rest site

Avery's Rest contains archaeological evidence of 17th century and early 18th century colonial occupation. Deadline for submission of proposals: Feb. 11, 2020, 4 p.m.

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Division seeks next-of-kin for unmarked human remains found in North Murderkill Hundred, Kent County

Deadline: Feb. 15, 2020

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National Historic Preservation Advocacy Week, March 10–12, 2020

Annual gathering promotes sound federal preservation policy and programs.

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Preservation Delaware to offer programs, conference

Cape Gazette, Lewes, Del.—Jan. 22, 2019

New director, board members establish legal defense fund for historic buildings.

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“Partners in Preservation: Planning for the Future—Delaware’s Historic Preservation Plan, 2018–2022”

Document outlines six broad goals for preserving Delaware’s heritage for the future.

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Media Roundup

The following Delaware history-related articles have recently appeared in the media:

[Bunker Hill fourth graders receive award at Delaware Day competition](#)

Hockessin Community News, Del.—Jan. 1, 2020

Middletown school received the Gunning Bedford Jr. Award in the Delaware Day Fourth Grade Competition.

Events

Saturday, Feb. 1

[Lost By One Vote](#) – The Old State House

[The Big Bang](#) – Johnson Victrola Museum

Saturday, Feb. 8

[The Summers Family: A Generational Story](#) – The Old State House

[Blood and Soil](#) – Johnson Victrola Museum

[Demonstrations by the Thistledown Fiber Arts Guild](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

Wednesday, Feb. 12

[With Malice Toward None: Abraham Lincoln in Words and Pictures](#) – The Old State House

Friday, Feb. 14

[Concert by Ronn McFarlane](#) – The Old State House

Saturday, Feb. 15

[The African American Experience in Delaware](#) – The Old State House

[Out of the Many, the One](#) – Johnson Victrola Museum

[African Americans on the Eastern Shore](#) – Lewes Public Library

Monday, Feb. 17

[Presidents Day](#) – Johnson Victrola Museum and The Old State House open. John Dickinson Plantation, New Castle Court House Museum and Zwaanendael Museum closed

Saturday, Feb. 22

[Revisiting the Founding Era](#) – New Castle Public Library

[The Women's Suffrage Movement: Below the Color-Line](#) – The Old State House

[Coffee, Cross Stitch and Conversation](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

Sunday, Feb. 23

[George Washington's Unique Skill in Picking Top Talent](#) – The Old State House

For a comprehensive, long-term calendar of division-sponsored events, [go here](#).

Exhibits and Displays

Ongoing

[Delaware Railroads: Elegant Travel and Timely Transport](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

[Five Stories](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

[Letters From a Farmer in Pennsylvania](#) – Online

[New Castle: Three Forts, One Community](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

[The Old State House: A True Restoration 1976-2016](#) – The Old State House

[The Path to Freedom: A History of the Underground Railroad in Delaware](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

[Sculpture by Charles Parks](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

[A Seaborne Citizenry: The DeBraak and Its Atlantic World](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

[Simple Machines](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

[When Janie Comes Marching Home: Women's Fight to Serve](#) – Legislative Hall



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